

**ACTION ALERT – SENATE and ASSEMBLY FLOOR VOTES
SB 54 (Leno) and AB 119 (Jones)
Health Care Coverage: Eliminating Sex Discrimination in
Pricing**

Ask your State Senator to vote in support of SB 54 and your Assemblymember to vote in support of AB 119 when the bills are heard on the Floor. Let them know that SB 54 and AB 119 are two of the most important bills for women this year!

(To find your Senator and Assemblymember's phone or fax number, go to leginfo.ca.gov and click on "your legislature")

Both SB 54 and AB 119 would prohibit gender discrimination in determining the cost of premiums for health insurance policies. Currently, women are often charged more than men for the same health care coverage which creates significant financial barriers for women in obtaining needed health care. Both bills would eliminate the loophole in the law that allows this unfair gender discrimination in health insurance premiums.

Your Senator and Assemblymember need to hear from you to make sure SB 54 and AB 119 receive enough votes to pass out of the Senate and Assembly!

Both bills are expected to be heard on their respective floors on Monday, May 11th so fax or call your legislators now!!

SB 54 Sample Letter

[Date]

The Honorable *[first and last name]*
VIA FAX *[fax number]*

Re: SB 54 (Leno)- Support

Dear Senator *[last name]*:

I am writing to express my support for SB 54, which would eliminate the loophole in the law that permits gender discrimination in health insurance premiums.

Current law allows women to be charged more than men for the same health insurance policy. This economic burden is magnified by the fact that women on average make only 78% of men's wages and have less ability to pay expensive health care costs. This burden is even more substantial for women of color whose average wages are even less. Equality in health insurance policy premiums is critical to ensuring women's access to needed health care.

[add your personal experience if any]

Women should not have to pay more than men for the same health care coverage. Please support affordable and equal health care for women by voting AYE on SB 54.

Sincerely,

[your name]

AB 119 Sample Letter

[Date]

The Honorable *[first and last name]*
VIA FAX *[fax number]*

Re: AB 119 (Jones)- Support

Dear Assemblymember *[last name]*:

I am writing to express my support for AB 119, which would eliminate the loophole in the law that permits gender discrimination in health insurance premiums.

Current law allows women to be charged more than men for the same health insurance policy. This economic burden is magnified by the fact that women on average make only 78% of men's wages and have less ability to pay expensive health care costs. This burden is even more substantial for women of color whose average wages are even less. Equality in health insurance policy premiums is critical to ensuring women's access to needed health care.

[add your personal experience if any]

Women should not have to pay more than men for the same health care coverage. Please support affordable and equal health care for women by voting AYE on AB 119.

Sincerely,

[your name]